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Chaptered Assembly & Senate Bills

AB 130 (Cedillo) Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011.

Establishes the California Dream Act, expanding eligibility for nonstate-funded scholarships, beginning January 1, 2012, to students who qualify for the existing exemption from non-resident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001).

Status: Chapter 93, Statutes of 2011

AB 131 (Cedillo) Student financial aid.

Establishes the California Dream Act, expanding eligibility for financial aid, beginning January 1, 2013, to students who qualify for the existing exemption from non-resident tuition established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001).

Status: Chapter 604, Statutes of 2011

AB 176 (Lara) Standardized testing: valid identification.

Requires a test sponsor, for purposes of admitting a test subject to take a standardized test, to provide alternative methods to verify a test subject's identity for those test subjects who are unable to provide the required identification and allows a test sponsor to require test subjects to obtain approval in advance of the test deadline in order to be admitted to the test with an alternate form of identification.

Status: Chapter 58, Statutes of 2011

AB 194 (Beall) *Public postsecondary education: priority enrollment: foster youth.*

Requires each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and requests the University of California, to give priority in enrollment in classes to any foster youth or former foster youth.

Status: Chapter 458, Statutes of 2011

AB 230 (Carter) Joint educational programs: middle college high school students: enrollment priority.

Exempts students attending middle college high schools (MCHS) from the requirement that California Community College (CCC) governing boards assign low enrollment priority to concurrent enrollment students, if the student is seeking to enroll in a CCC course that is required for the student's MCHS program.

Status: Chapter 50, Statutes of 2011

AB 334 (Bonnie Lowenthal, Furutani) *Community college board members: absence from the state.*

Clarifies that existing law provisions regarding absences from the state for members of a school board are also applicable to members of California Community College (CCC) governing boards and would allow a school board or a CCC governing board to authorize an extended absence for a board member in the case of illness or urgent necessity, similar to the allowances currently provided for state and municipal officers.

Status: Chapter 54, Statutes of 2011

AB 611 (Gordon) *Private postsecondary education: unaccredited doctoral degree program.*

Amends the Private Postsecondary Education Act to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering doctoral degrees without disclosing to prospective students prior to enrollment that the degree program is unaccredited, whether the degree issued is issued in a field that requires licensure in the state, and any known limitation of the degree.

Status: Chapter 103, Statutes of 2011

AB 620 (Block) *Public postsecondary education: nondiscrimination and training: sexual orientation, gender identity; and gender expression.*

Establishes the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Equity in Higher Education Act that, among other things, adds the attributes of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to existing nondiscrimination laws affecting postsecondary educational institutions, programs, and requirements.

Status: Chapter 637, Statutes of 2011

AB 636 (Knight) Military service: benefits.

Allows a student who withdraws prior to or during the academic term from an institution due to active military service to receive a full refund of tuition and fees paid, even if the withdrawal is after the normal withdrawal deadline.

Status: Chapter 293, Statues of 2011

AB 668 (Block) California State University: examinations: undue hardship.

Defines what constitutes an "undue hardship" on the California State University for the purpose of denying a request to reschedule a test or examination by a student for whom the test time violates the student's religious creed.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2011

AB 670 (Block) California State University: admissions.

Requires the California State University to ensure that its campuses implement uniform appeal procedures, as specified, for applicants who are denied admission to a campus and uniformly communicate these procedures to students, as specified.

Status: Chapter 163, Statutes of 2011

AB 743 (Block) California Community Colleges: common assessment system.

Requires the California Community College (CCC) Board of Governors to establish a common assessment system to be used for the purposes of CCC student placement and advisement.

Status: Chapter 615, Statutes of 2011

AB 795 (Block) *Public postsecondary education: smoke-free campuses.*

Grants authority to the governing bodies of the California State University, the University of California, and each community college district to set smoking and tobacco enforcement standards, impose fines, and post signs stating the tobacco use policy on campus.

Status: Chapter 617, Statutes of 2011

AB 835 (Mitchell) *Community colleges: Economic and Workforce Development Program.*

Authorizes, for programs developed under the Career Technical Education Pathways Initiative, a California Community College (CCC) district to enroll a high school pupil who is not a resident of that CCC district.

Status: Chapter 224, Statutes of 2011

AB 844 (Lara) Student government: students qualifying for exemption from nonresident tuition: California Community Colleges: governing board membership.

Authorizes any student, including a person without lawful immigration status or students exempt from paying nonresident tuition under the provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001), to serve in any capacity in student government and to receive any grant, scholarship, fee waiver, or reimbursement for expenses at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, consistent with federal law, and requests the University of California to comply with these same provisions.

Status: Chapter 619; Statutes of 2011

AB 1013 (Committee on Higher Education) *Private postsecondary education*.

Clarifies provisions of the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Allows the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to publish a list of eligible examinations for ability-to-benefit students, if the United States Department of Education does not have an approved examination relevant to the specific occupational training program.
- 2) Ensures students are provided until the first class day or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later, to cancel a program and receive a refund.

Status: Chapter 167, Statutes of 2011

AB 1029 (Lara) *Community colleges: course approval.*

Extends by one year the authority for California Community College (CCC) districts to approve stand-alone courses without the approval of the CCC Board of Governors, and the date by which the CCC Chancellor's Office must report to the Legislature on CCC districts' use of this authority.

Status: Chapter 112, Statutes of 2011

AB 1056 (Fong) *Public postsecondary education: community colleges.*

Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to implement a procedure to facilitate the electronic transmission of student transcripts, contingent upon funding provided for this purpose.

Status: Chapter 620; Statutes of 2011

AB 1163 (Brownley) *Education: California Educational Facilities Authority*.

Recasts the definition of "private college" to allow the California Educational Facilities Authority to facilitate tax-exempt bond programs for religious colleges, as specified, in conformance with a California Supreme Court decision

Status: Chapter 281, Statutes of 2011

ACR 34 (Lara, Alejo) Ethnic studies programs.

Endorses the work of California's ethnic studies programs in California's public education institutions, recognizes the leadership provided by the beneficiaries of these programs, and supports the continuation of ethnic studies programs at the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges.

Status: Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2011

SB 8 (Yee) *Public records: auxiliary organizations and UC campus foundations.*

Requires records maintained by an auxiliary organization of the California State University, California Community Colleges (CCC), and CCC districts and a campus foundation of the University of California be available to the public consistent with the California Public Records Act, excepting specified donor information.

Status: Chapter 247, Statutes of 2011

SB 451 (Price) *Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards.*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission to prioritize Cal Grant C awards to students pursuing study in areas of high employment need, high salary or wage protection, or high growth, and establishes related authority and requirements.

Status: Chapter 627, Statutes of 2011

SB 611 (Steinberg) *Public postsecondary education: University of California.*

Requests the Regents of the University of California (UC), subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act, to establish and maintain the UC Curriculum Integration Institute to be administered by the UC President.

Status: Chapter 631, Statutes of 2011

SB 612 (Steinberg) *Postsecondary education: instructional strategies.*

Authorizes the establishment of three additional California Subject Matter Projects, extends the sunset date on existing projects, adds new areas of emphasis for subject matter projects, and makes various changes to the concurrence committee and project advisory boards.

Status: Chapter 632, Statutes of 2011

SB 619 (Fuller) *California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: exemptions.*

Exempts from the Private Postsecondary Education Act and related oversight by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education flight instruction providers or programs that provide flight instruction pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration regulations and do not require students to enter into a contract of indebtedness nor require the upfront payment of instruction-related costs in excess of \$2500. Declares this bill an urgency statute and provides that the provisions of the bill shall take effect immediately.

Status: Chapter 309, Statutes of 2011

SB 650 (Lowenthal) *Postsecondary education: the College Promise Partnership Act.*

Permits Long Beach Community College District to admit high school students who are participants in the College Promise Partnership, to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special part-time or full-time student and to permit assigned priority for enrollment and course registration for these pupils.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2011

SB 774 (Hancock) *Public postsecondary education: parking fees.*

Increases the maximum amount students and employees of a California Community College district may be charged for parking services.

Status: Chapter 245, Statutes of 2011

SB 813 (Committee on Veterans Affairs) *Public postsecondary education: veterans' enrollment.*

Extends priority registration enrollment for veterans at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, from two to five years.

Status: Chapter 375, Statutes of 2011

SB 940 (Committee on Education) Education.

Corrects technical errors and oversights, and makes non-controversial and conforming changes to statutes related to education.

Status: Chapter 349, Statutes of 2011

Vetoed Assembly & Senate Bills

AB 91 (Portantino) *Community colleges: student financial aid: pilot program.*

Requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs, outlines the parameters of the pilot, and requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program and to make recommendations for its statewide expansion.

Veto Message: This bill orders the Chancellor of the Community Colleges to set up a pilot program at local campuses to figure out how to motivate their students to apply for financial aid.

This is a matter that each community college can handle on its own.

AB 288 (Fong) *Public postsecondary education: community colleges: expulsion hearing.*

Authorizes the governing board of a community college district (CCD) to deny admission to someone expelled from another CCD within the previous five years, under specified circumstances.

Veto Message: Requiring every community college to follow a uniform process for evaluating a student expulsion taken by another district adds unnecessary burdens and costs that the state will have to reimburse.

I invite Chancellor Scott and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to work with local districts to craft a more flexible and cost-effective approach to enable districts to share critical information about student expulsions.

AB 450 (Wieckowski) California State University: food service contracts.

Requires that the California State University (CSU) Trustees' policies and procedures for the acquisition of specified services ensure that the service contractor fully discloses to the CSU campus, auxiliary organization, or other unit of the CSU unit all discounts, rebates, allowances and incentives received from suppliers, and that the contractor pay the full amount of these to the CSU campus, and requires that these requirements be placed in agreements upon their renewal, extension, or amendment, or be part of any new service agreement.

Veto Message: This bill targets a narrow set of contracts between the California State University campuses and their food vendors. It aims to correct a problem that may or may not exist by requiring those vendors to disclose supplier discounts and pass them on to the campuses. Since they can already do this on their own, this measure is not necessary.

AB 1310 (Furutani) Career technical education and workforce development.

Requires specified state agencies to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce development.

Veto Message: This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, in conjunction with the California Workforce Investment Board, the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the State Department of Education, to develop a strategic plan that connects the delivery of education and workforce development in California.

Although I heartily agree with the author's goal, I don't think a new law is needed. My Senior Advisor for Jobs and Economic Development and my Secretary of Labor are already working with educators, labor and business leaders to achieve the important objectives of this bill. I have asked them to work with the author and supporters of the bill to make sure their good ideas are acted on.

SB 185 (Hernández) Public postsecondary education

States legislative intent to authorize the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) to consider race, gender, ethnicity and national origin, geographic origin, and household income, along with other relevant factors, in undergraduate and graduate admissions, as specified, and requires the CSU and requests the UC to report on the implementation of these provisions to the Legislature and Governor by November 1, 2013, as specified.

Veto Message: I wholeheartedly agree with the goal of this legislation. Proposition 209 should be interpreted to allow UC and CSU to consider race and other relevant factors in their admissions policies to the extent permitted under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. In fact, I have submitted briefs in my capacities as both Governor and Attorney General strongly urging the courts to adopt such an interpretation.

But while I agree with the goal of this legislation, I must return the bill without my signature. Our constitutional system of separation of powers requires that the courts -- not the Legislature -- determine the limits of Proposition 209. Indeed, there is already a court case pending in the 9th Circuit against the State and the UC on the same issues addressed in this bill. Signing this bill is unlikely to impact how Proposition 209 is ultimately interpreted by the courts; it will just encourage the 209 advocates to file more costly and confusing lawsuits.

Status of Remaining Assembly & Senate Bills

AB 2 (Portantino) *Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.*

Requires the state to establish an accountability framework for achieving prescribed educational and economic goals. This bill would require the Governor to convene a task force by July 1, 2012, to review the framework and recommend a set of overarching goals for the state's higher education institutions, as specified. This bill would urge the task force to consider issues that include 6 statewide policy questions, and require the task force to report to the Legislature and Governor on the recommended goals and progress indicators for higher education, as specified. This bill codifies legislative findings and declarations regarding higher education.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 24 (Block) California Postsecondary Education Commission: feasibility study: Chula Vista.

Requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of establishing and expanding postsecondary education opportunities in Chula Vista, California.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 79 (Beall) University of California: technology commercialization: tax credit.

Authorizes the University of California to create a University of California Technology Commercialization Acceleration Fund for each campus of the university and the university system for the deposit of contributions made for specified purposes.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 85 (Mendoza) School facilities: security locks.

Requires K-12 and California Community College (CCC) modernization projects, on or after January 1, 2012, to include locks that allow doors to classrooms or any room with the occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside. Requires new CCC construction projects to comply with these requirements.

Status: Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 160 (Portantino) Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.

Authorizes the governing board of a California community college (CCC) district to enter into a concurrent enrollment partnership with one or more school districts within its immediate service area to allow secondary school pupils to attend a CCC if they have exhausted all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at the high school of attendance, adult education program, continuation school, regional occupational center or program, or school district programs. This bill also permits a school district to authorize a pupil, upon the recommendation from a CCC administrator, as specified, to take career technical education courses at a CCC.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 216 (Swanson) Community colleges: inmate education programs: computation of apportionments.

Waives the open course requirement for California community college courses offered in state correctional facilities and allows attendance hours generated by credit courses to be funded at the credit rate, instead of the noncredit funding rate.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 285 (Furutani) *Community colleges: property tax revenues.*

Requires, as is currently provided for K-12 schools, automatic adjustments in GF apportionments for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to the extent actual property tax revenues to the CCC differ from the amount of such revenues estimated in the annual Budget Act.

Status: Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 372 (Roger Hernández) California community colleges: matriculation services.

Requires the California Community Colleges, as part of the matriculation process, to assess prior college-level learning gained by veterans and military service personnel through non-college credit means, as specified. This bill makes legislative findings and declarations regarding veterans.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 383 (Portantino) *Public postsecondary education: community colleges.*

Provides a one-time stipend, amount as yet undetermined, to a California Community College district that enters into a collective bargaining agreement that prohibits a full-time instructor from teaching overload or extra assignments in excess of 50% of a full-time workload in any semester that commences on or after January 1, 2012.

AB 404 (Gatto) *Public postsecondary education: Native American language preservation.*

Requires the California State University Board of Trustees to establish, at the Humboldt State University campus, a Native American Linguistic Institute, with specified duties, to preserve Native American tribal languages and establishes the California Native American Language Preservation Fund in the State Treasury for the acceptance of private donations, as specified, to facilitate statewide efforts to preserve Native American languages.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB 405 (Solorio) *Public postsecondary education: joint-use facilities.*

Requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) to establish a joint-use facilities program, aligned with existing CCC facilities regulations, upon the availability of funding for this purpose.

Status: Held under submission, Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 478 (Roger Hernández) Community colleges: funding.

Eliminates the 2 percent cap on the amount of unemployment in excess of 5 percent that the California Community Colleges (CCC) must use for purposes of calculating the annual request for enrollment growth funding.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 515 (Brownley) *Public postsecondary education: community colleges: extension program.*

Establishes the California Community Colleges Extension Pilot Program which, until July 1, 2016, authorizes community colleges that meet specified requirements to establish and maintain an extension program offering credit coursework to students at fee levels that cover the actual cost of maintaining these courses.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB 626 (Blumenfield) *Distance learning: definition*.

Establishes a definition for "distance learning" to mean a course conducted with over one-half of the instructional content delivered when faculty and students are in different physical places.

AB 635 (Knight) *Veterans' benefits: public postsecondary education: mandatory educational fees.*

Permits the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to designate mandatory education fees as tuition for purposes of veterans' benefits.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 649 (Harkey) *Public postsecondary education: veteran's enrollment.*

Extends the period of time for priority class registration enrollment, from two years to five years, to members or former members of the Armed Services and requires that any member or former member of the Armed Services be a California resident.

Status: Held without recommendation, Senate Education Committee.

AB 661 (Block) *Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program*

Authorizes the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and the San Mateo Community College District to offer baccalaureate degrees, as specified.

Status: Assembly Floor

AB 773 (Block) *Postsecondary education: Student Tuition Recovery Fund.*

Requires the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to adopt regulations under the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) authorizing an institution to pay STRF assessments on behalf of their students.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 797 (Conway) *Private postsecondary education: schools of cosmetology.*

Exempts schools of cosmetology, as defined, from the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, which, among other things, provides for student protections and regulatory oversight of private postsecondary schools in the state, including schools of cosmetology.

AB 822 (Block) Public postsecondary education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012.

Enacts the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012 to authorize an unspecified sum of state general obligation bonds to provide aid to the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 851 (Nestande) Distance learning.

Defines distance learning for purposes of data collection and reporting. This bill requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and requests the University of California, by January 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter, to report on distance learning course workload and key performance data, as specified. This bill also requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a work group by February 1, 2012, as specified, to evaluate whether it is necessary or advisable to establish to establish the Western Governor's University, California. The work group is required to report its findings to the Legislature by February 1, 2013.

Status: Held under submission, Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 852 (Fong) *Public postsecondary education: community colleges: temporary faculty.*

Provides temporary community college faculty who meet specified requirements the right of first refusal for teaching assignments commencing on July 1, 2012.

Status: Senate Education Committee

AB 948 (Furutani) *Public contracts: competitive bidding: best value.*

Allows the University of California and the California Community Colleges to include "best value" as a criteria for bid evaluation and selection for contracts for goods and materials or services.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 965 (Dickinson) Community colleges: full-time faculty hiring.

Requires community college districts that have less than 75% of their hours of credit instruction taught by full-time instructors to apply a portion of their funds allocated to apportionment growth according to specified formulas, applicable only if prescribed conditions are met.

AB 970 (Fong) University of California and California State University: system-wide student fees: student financial aid report.

Establishes requirements and timeframes for the University of California and the California State University regarding the approval and implementation of student fee increases, and requires the segments to report annually on their use of student fee revenues.

Status: Assembly Floor

AB 1093 (Davis) Student financial aid: Military and Veterans Benefits Offices.

Requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges to establish and staff a Military and Veterans Benefits Office at each campus.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 1237 (Nestande) *Postsecondary education: finance: remedial instruction.*

Finds and declares that state General Funds that do not count toward the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee shall not be appropriated for remedial instruction at the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) and authorizes the appropriation of Proposition 98 funds from K-12 instruction to the California Community Colleges for the purposes of remedial instruction for UC and CSU students.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 1326 (Furutani) California Higher Education Endowment Corporation: oil and gas severance tax.

Enacts the Fair Share for Fair Tuition Act to fund direct classroom instruction and student support services at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

Status: Held under submission, Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

AB 1366 (Jeffries) Private postsecondary education: student financial aid: notice

Existing law provides that within 5 days of the commencement of any cause of action, including an emergency action, by the Student Aid Commission against a private postsecondary educational institution in connection with the Federal Family Education Loan Program, the director of the commission shall give notice, in writing, of the commencement of the action to the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. This bill would require the commission to give that notice within 8, rather than 5, days of the commencement of any cause of action.

ACR 73 (Alejo) *University of California: graduate admissions.*

Requests the University of California (UC) Board of Regents to implement a comprehensive admissions approach, by the end of the 2012–13 academic year, at UC's various graduate programs and professional schools by including a broad variety of academic and personal qualifications. This measure would also request review and revision of the admissions policies of graduate programs and professional schools to include a broader variety of important qualifications, with evaluation of the weight and value given to these qualifications, so that standardized test scores are not the overriding criterion used to determine admissions and to prohibit standardized test scores from being used as the sole criterion for admission to a UC graduate program or professional school.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

SB 629 (Lowenthal) Public postsecondary education: California Community Colleges.

Expands the authority of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to appoint persons without permanent civil service status to vice chancellor and assistant vice chancellor positions through the career executive assignment process, if the individual has a minimum of five years of specified work experience, previously held permanent status in civil service, was employed by the Legislature for two or more consecutive years, or held for two or more consecutive years one or more nonelected exempt positions in the executive branch.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

SB 736 (Cannella) California State University: trustees.

Deletes provisions requiring biennial campus audits of California State University (CSU) revolving fund expenditures and instead requires CSU to contract with a public accounting firm to provide an annual system-wide financial statement audit that includes each campus' statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows. Additionally, requires the inclusion of an addendum summarizing information on transactions with auxiliary organizations for each campus. Finally, provides that additional information shall be publically provided upon request.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

SB 760 (Alquist) *Postsecondary education: the Cal Grant Program*

Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to report to the legislative budget and policy committees, annually by January 1, 2016, and consistent with statutory reporting requirements, specified information on student performance that postsecondary education institutions participating in the Cal Grant program must annually report to CSAC and the names of the postsecondary educational institutions that failed to report the required data.

Status: Assembly Floor

Failed Passage & Changed Jurisdiction Assembly & Senate Bills

AB 63 (Donnelly) *Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees.*

Prohibits a person without lawful immigration status from qualifying for resident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges, under the provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh), Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001, and conforms to federal law nonresident tuition exemptions for members of the United States Armed Services or their dependents who are enrolled at a California public postsecondary education institution.

Status: Failed passage, Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 248 (Perea) Personal income tax: physicians: qualified medical services.

As introduced, this bill requested the Regents of the University of California to manage high-tech research facilities for use by the University of California and private companies for research projects.

On June 13, 2011, AB 248 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address qualified medical expense credits against personal income taxes.

AB 675 (Hagman) *Continuing education*.

Establishes requirements for continuing education courses required for maintaining licensure by California boards.

On March 14, 2011 AB 675 was re-referred to the Assembly Business & Professions Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation addressing licensing requirements for professional fields regulated by California boards and commissions.

AB 680 (Block) Pupil safety: comprehensive school safety plans.

As introduced, this bill established provisions governing the number of members, the elections of members, and the reapportionment of trustee areas for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District governing board.

On June 22, 2011, AB 680 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to address K-12 school district comprehensive school safety plans.

AB 853 (Blumenthal) Sharks.

As introduced, this bill conformed to federal law nonresident tuition exemptions for members of the United States Armed Services and their dependents, as defined, who are enrolled at a California public postsecondary education institution.

On August 16, 2011, AB 853 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to create exemptions to the shark fin prohibition established in existing law.

SB 292 (Padilla) *California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial review procedures: City of Los Angeles: stadium.*

As introduced, this bill provided for clarifications for issues that have arisen during the implementation of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

On September 2, 2011, SB 292 was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to establish expedited procedures under the California Environmental Quality Act for the proposed downtown Los Angeles football stadium and convention center.

